

T-562

c. 1850

Kennard House

St. Michaels

private

The Kennard house has been reworked extensively during the past year in conversion to a shop and apartment. Prior to its rebuilding, the house was a basic two-story, two-bay frame dwelling with a single room on each floor of the main block. A two-story kitchen extended from the back of the dwelling. The rebuilding of the structure has involved raising its elevations and turning the roof to a gable front orientation. A layer of board and batten siding has replaced the horizontal weatherboards.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. T-562

Magi No. 2105625504

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Kennard House

**2. Location**

street & number 112 North Talbot Street ☐ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hunter Kennard

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

#### Kennard house description

The Kennard house stands on the west side of North Talbot Street at the north end of the St. Michaels business district in Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces east.

Built around 1860-1870, the two-story one-room plan frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is covered with a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The original weatherboards are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (east) elevation is two bays across with a covered entrance in the left bay and a single-pane sash window to the right. The second floor is lighted by two single-pane sash windows. A plain boxed cornice stretches across the base of the roof.

The north gable end has a stuccoed interior end brick stove stack and a flush gable end. Extending from the west side of the one-room main block is a two-story rear kitchen wing with a two-story shed addition on the south side. A stuccoed brick stove stack rises from the gable end. The south side of the structure has been partially covered with plywood on the first floor. Modern windows light the first and second floors.

The interior has been fully gutted of its former interior finish. A mortise and tenon frame is exposed, and the circular sawn lumber is held together with cut-nails. This quickly erected frame structure has studs which run from the sill to the plate, and the girts are nailed to the interior face of the front and back studs. The common rafter roof has a butt joint at the peak, and the collar beams are nailed to the rafters. The kitchen interior was originally whitewashed.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Kennard house is an extensively remodeled two-story one-room plan frame house. Despite the removal of its original windows and doors as well as the interior finish materials, the basic form of the house has been maintained. This two-story one-room plan house was quickly erected and served as basic housing for a proportion of the St. Michaels population.



KENNARD

Year: 1984 Vol: 595 Page: 76  
From: Clara Olivia Polk and Robert B & Arlene M Thomas Price: \$49,000  
To : H Hunter Kennard & Shirley K Kennard  
Notes: See deed attached. Of the two parcels in the deed, the house is on Parcel TWO. Only this lot is traced.

Conveyed to Robert B Thomas and Arlene M Thomas by Lee S Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis by 1958, 349/174.

Year: 1958 Vol: 349 Page: 174  
From: Lee S Gillis & Florence Marie Gillis Price: \$5  
To : Robert B Thomas & Arlene M Thomas  
Notes: Begins on W side Talbot St, runs N 88 W 75'; S 1 1/2 E 33'9"; E 75'7" to Talbot St; N 20 1/2 W 23'1" to beginning.  
Conveyed by Mosella T Wells and others to Lee S Gillis, 1958, 349/171.

Year: 1958 Vol: 349 Page: 171  
From: Mosella T Wells, et al Price: \$5  
To : Lee S Gillis  
Notes: Title Clearance. The et al are: William Wells, John T Thomas, Robert B Thomas & Arlene M Thomas, Clara Olivia Polk and Agnes T Northern.  
Conveyed by Emily Fairbank & husband to Shuman Miles and Vera M Miles 1936, 237/130.  
Vera M Miles died intestate in 1958 and property descended to John T Thomas, Robert B Thomas, Clara Olivia Polk and Agnes T Northern, heirs at law and next of kin.

Year: 1936 Vol: 237 Page: 130  
From: Emily L Fairbank & Albert L Fairbank Price: \$5  
To : Sherman Miles & Vera M Miles  
Notes: Same description as 349/174.  
Conveyed by John W Miles, Jr. & Mary G Miles to Emily L Fairbank, 1930, 221/157.

Year: 1930 Vol: 221 Page: 157  
From: John W Miles, Jr & wife Price: \$500  
To : Emily L Fairbank  
Notes: Same as 349/174  
Conveyed by Richard Mitchell to John W Miles, Jr, 1923, 196/63.

Year: 1923 Vol: 196 Page: 63  
From: Richard M Mitchell Price: \$550  
To : John W Miles Jr.  
Notes: Same as 349/174  
Conveyed by Charles J Butler & wife to Richard Mitchell, 1917, 176/343.

Year: 1917 Vol: 176 Page: 343

From: Charles J Butler & Florence M Butler Price: \$5

To : Richard Mitchell

Notes: Same as 349/174

Conveyed by Alice Mitchell (widow) & Richard Mitchell, heirs-at-law of Edward Mitchell to Charles J Butler, 1917, 176/341

Year: 1917 Vol: 176 Page: 341

From: Charles J Butler & Florence M Butler Price: \$5

To : Alice Mitchell, widow (of Edward)

Notes: One of two lots deeded. Description of Kennard lot per 349/174 included.

See Mortgage, Edward Mitchell & Alice Mitchell to Citizen's Bank of St.

Michaels, 1914, 167/403 which refers to conveyance: Ella G Toulson & husband to Edward Mitchell, 1913, 164/336.

Year: 1913 Vol: 164 Page: 336

From: Ella G Toulson & Lewis F Toulson Price: \$10

To : Edward Mitchell

Notes: Same as 349/174

Conveyed by heirs of John W Baker to Lewis E Toulson & Ella G Toulson, 1908, 153/157.

Year: 1908 Vol: 153 Page: 157

From: Heirs of John W Baker Price: \$200

To : Lewis E Tolson & Ella G Tolson

Notes: Heirs of John W Baker: Louisa E Baker; Lina M Ross, Walter A Ross; Kate A Dickey & John M Dickey.

Conveyed by William H Dennis , and Mary & Thomas Downs to John W Baker, 1888, 108/341. John W Baker's will 3/15/1901.

Year: 1888 Vol: 108 Page: 341

From: William H Dennis, Mary Downs & Thomas Downs Price: \$300

To : John W Baker

Notes: Same as 349/174.

Conveyed by Josiah Fairbank Sr. to Philemon Dennis, 1868, 74/397.

William H Dennis & Mary Dennis (Downs) inherited from father.

Year: 1868 Vol: 74 Page: 397

From: Josiah Fairbank & Harriet T Fairbank Price: \$75

To : Philemon Dennis

Notes: Begin on Talbot Street at corner of a lot of Joseph Trusty; run N 88 W to P T Hambleton, 75'; then with P T Hambleton S 1 1/2 E 34'; then E 85' to Talbot Street; then N 20 1/2 W 35' to beginning.

Year: 1850 Vol: 62 Page: 544

From: Samuel Hambleton, William Jones & Sarah Jones Price: \$200.

To : Josiah Fairbank

Notes: Part of Elliott's Lot and Joseph's Lot. Begins at stone at the SE corner of James Townsend' lot and the Bayside Road (Townsend deed, 1850, 62/498) run with the road SE 140' to the land of Dr. William Jones; with Jones, W 120' to a stone at the SW boundary; then N 140' to James Townsend; E with Townsend 72'6" to the beginning.

The land of which this lot is a part was conveyed by Samuel Harrison to Samuel Hambleton in 1832, 50/322. It is the same 11 3/4 acres on which is located the Union M E Church and the A M E Zion Church. 1856, 67/264, Robinson, trustee to Philemon Hambleton (see under Union M E Church) mentions "three small building lots" sold off by William Jones.

In the Chancery Record for 1828-1829, pp.1-57, Sam and Alex Hambleton sued Thomas L Haddaway's heirs for money owed them by Haddaway. They obtained an order directing the sale of the 11 acres, a store, dwelling house and kitchen carriage house and stable, 1/3 in timber. Samuel Hambleton was the highest bidder. The 1832 deed confirms the sale.

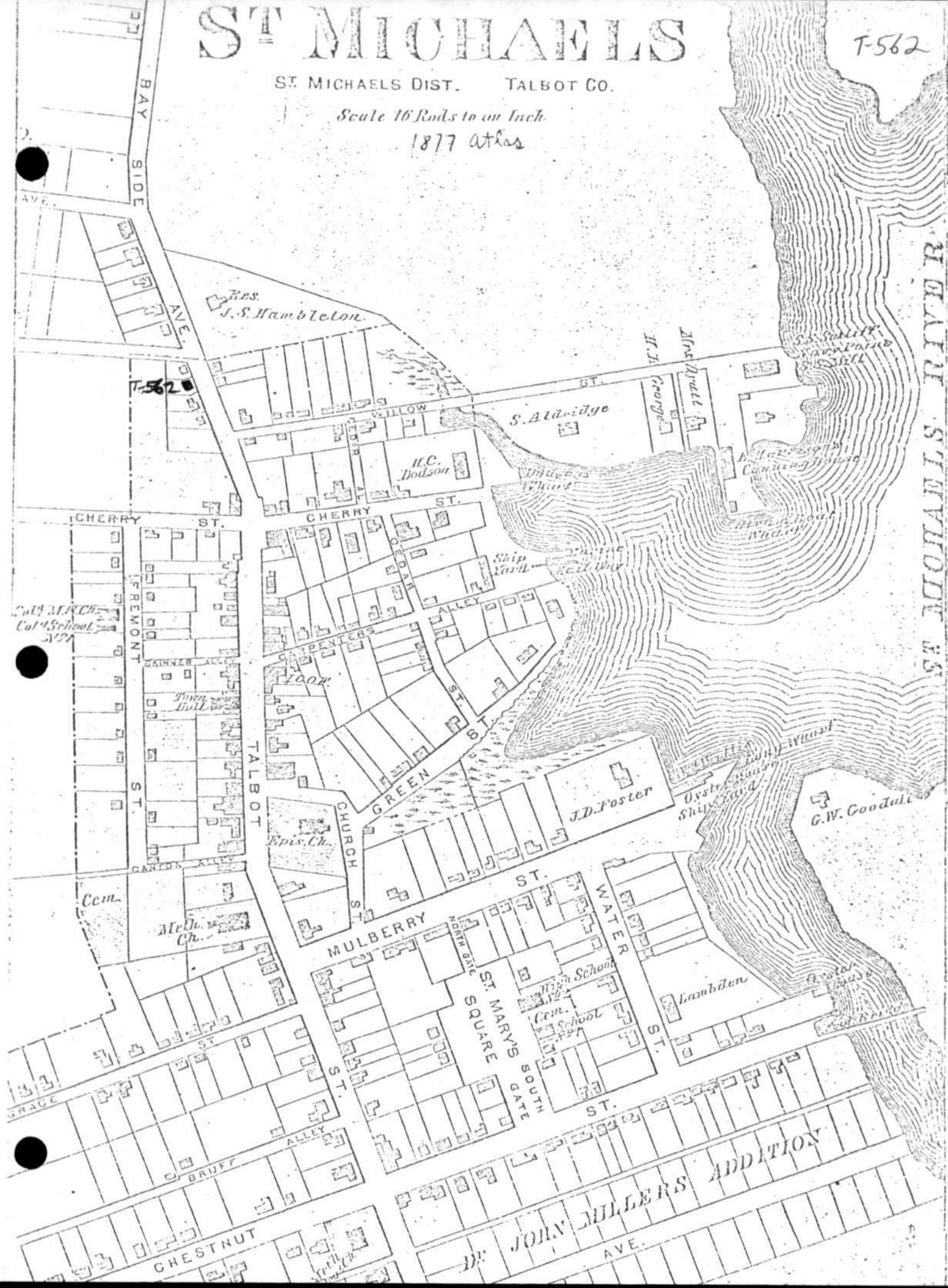
The chain-of-title for Union AME Church goes to 1695.



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Scale 16 Rods to an Inch.

1877 atlas



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DR. DODSON'S  
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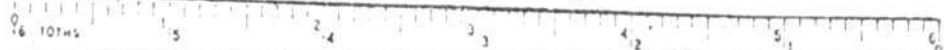
ST. MARY'S  
SQUARE

METHODIST  
CEMETERY

DACK CREEK

MAP  
OF  
ST. MICHAELS  
TALBOT CO. MARYLAND

SCALE  
JAN. 1, 1923. THOMAS F. HARRARD







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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

Southeast Elevation

6/85, Paul Touart, Photographer

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